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Examiner: Richard A. Booth  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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S I R :

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **April 6, 2006**.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims directed to methods of manufacturing microstructure devices, claims 1-19, 21-24, and 34. To implement this election, claims 25-43, 45-63, 65-83, 85, and 86 are withdrawn.

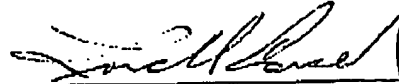
As stated in our Response of January 24, 2006, at least claim 1 is generic to all of the species recited in claim 20. Accordingly, if claim 1 is allowed, all of the species of claim 20 will be rejoined to the application.

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A listing of all claims in this application and the current status of each  
is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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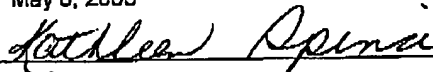
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